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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1113.

Tuesday, 19th July, 1938.
4th Karkadagam 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. K. Nayar, C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, C. R. Iyyunni, P. Govinda Menon and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

HERBS AND OTHER ARTICLES FOR MEDICAL PREPARATIONS—RAMAVARMA CENTRAL AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL—SUPPLY OF.

32. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of firms or companies which supply herbs and other articles for medical preparations to the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur;

(*b*) whether tenders were called for before entrusting the supply with them?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) The herbs and drugs for the medical preparations are supplied by Mr. Immatti P. Joseph; the different kinds of ghee by Mr. P. S. Narayana Ayyar and fuel by Mr. E. L. Varied.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: May I know, Sir, the tender deductions offered by the respective contractors referred to in the answer?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Unfortunately when I called for the file the details regarding the transaction have not been supplied to me. I have specially sent a wire and I expect the file here before the rise of the House.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Do the Government purchase finished medical preparations from these contractors?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether the rule that the lowest tender should be accepted was followed in this case also?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

"THE HINDU" SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT—PUBLICATION OF.

33. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have donated or paid any amount to 'The Hindu' Madras for publishing or having published a special supplement in connection with the inauguration of the new Constitution of Cochin;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what was the amount donated or paid;

(*c*) whether they have made similar donations or payments to other Journals which have published special supplements?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has the Government given any sort of contribution to the paper?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No donations or contributions have been paid to them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: How many copies have been purchased?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No special number of copies of "The Hindu" have been purchased.

Mr. K. V. Menon: 25 copies of the Cochin Supplement of "The Hindu" have been purchased.

UNDISPOSED MATERIALS—METRE GAUGE RAILWAY.

34. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state what all materials of our metre-gauge railway remain undisposed of?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: A list of the metre gauge materials that remain to be disposed of is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

CAPITAL WORKS—ESTIMATES—SCRUTINY OF.

35. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimates of capital works are scrutinised by our Engineer?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

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